



**LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MARCH 18, 2014**

HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF

The Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 721 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas.

The Board Meeting was called to order at 3:12 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Martha Cotera, Alicia Del Rio, SolAna Renteria, Frank Rodriguez, Emilio Zamora, Diego Martinez-Moncada

Staff in Attendance: Bert Lumbreras, Assistant City Manager
Jason Garza, Assistant to the Assistant City Manager

1. Approval of Minutes
No minutes to approve
2. Introductions
Board members introduced themselves and gave a brief bio. Council member Mike Martinez was called up to speak and gave a welcome to the new commission. He also discussed their purpose and charge for their work moving forward
3. Define the Purpose of the Commission
Discussion led by ACM Lumbreras which went into greater detail the mission and charge of the body, along with overall expectation and processes moving forward.
4. Citizen Communication
Susanna Almanza – Welcome
Drina Talamas – General
Diomisio Solozor – General
5. Election of the Commission Officers
This item was postponed for action until the next meeting.
6. Adoption of Commission By-laws
This item was postponed for action until the next meeting.
7. Current Efforts related to the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Initiative
ACM Lumbreras presented to the group a fiscal impact analysis completed by staff after the Hispanic Quality of Life report was submitted to Council. ACM Lumbreras stated that staff will be working to update this document to give the Commission the latest information on all the items recommended by the Community Oversight Team.
8. Date and Time of Future Meetings

The Commission approved by unanimous decision to conduct their meetings on the fourth (4th) Wednesday of each month beginning at 6 p.m. It is preferred that these meetings be held at the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center if the facility is available at that time. IF it is not, the second preferred facility would be the Street Jones building. If the Street Jones building is not available, the Commission would like to continue using the Austin Energy building on Barton Springs. There was also discussion to have satellite meeting within the community from time to time. Some locations mentioned included the Gus Garcia Recreation Center. Staff will work with the Commission on finalizing such details.

9. Future agenda items

There was some discussion to have an overview from the HQL Community Oversight Team at the next meeting. Also, there was a request to have an item to discuss the fiscal impact analysis conducted by staff. There was also a request for an item to discuss the possibility of a retreat for the Commission. Finally, there was also a request to have an item to discuss the development of a tool to see where and which City resources are spent on the Hispanic community. ACM Lumbreras did say that a brief from the City Demographer may be in order to get a good snapshot of the Hispanic community in Austin.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m. without objection.

